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U-BOAT SHELLS ENGLISH TOWN

Getting Out of the Swamp - By Coffman



Out of the slough of wrangling and politics Uncle Sam is slowly wading. One foot is on the dry land of accomplishment. The picture does not show what lies

ahead, but there is, England's experience shows, the quagmire of inefficiency. The old man is strong, however, and he's going to get muddy, but he'll get there.

CARTRIDGE DEFECTS WERE KEPT SECRET, SEC. BAKER ADMITS

Secretary of War Baker today told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that the War Department waited from the end of May until the first of August to notify General Pershing that some of his small arms ammunition might be defective.

Baker appeared before the committee to explain the defects discovered in ammunition from the Frankford arsenal.

"Why was there such long delay in notifying General Pershing?" asked Senator Chamberlain.

"We sent out the warning to General Pershing at the same time we warned all other users of the same ammunition," said Baker.

"About May 26 we received a report from the Navy Department that small arms ammunition made at the Frankford arsenal and issued to the marine corps was defective. The defects caused misfires and hang-fires."

DEATH MYSTERY ENDS ROMANCE OF MRS. NINA T. BULL

A Washington departmental romance was ended when Dr. Harold A. Whitman, former chemist in the Department of Agriculture, was found dying on a public dump at Somerville, near Boston, Mass., Sunday night, it was learned today.

Missing Husband Delayed Wedding.

At the department here Dr. Whitman met Mrs. Nina T. Bull, who is at present secretary to Charles Holman, of the food administration. They fell in love, but waited to be married until Mrs. Bull could obtain a divorce from a husband she had not seen for years.

Mrs. Bull did not learn of the tragic death of Dr. Whitman until late yesterday afternoon. Though utterly crushed by the news given her by Miss Carrie Smith, a mutual friend, she left immediately for Boston that she might attend the funeral from Dr. Whitman's home, at Melrose, Mass., this afternoon.

Death Shrouded in Mystery.

The death of Dr. Whitman is shrouded in the deepest mystery. Though he lived for hours after being found, he never regained consciousness. He was identified by love letters from Mrs. Bull found in his pocket.

There is not a clue to shed light on how the doctor's head was crushed and his skull fractured. His pockets were turned inside out, and it is believed by members of his family and by the police that he was assaulted and robbed.

MICHAELIS SAYS RUSSIA SHOULD GET WAR BLAME

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5.—If America had been aware of Russia's dealings as revealed in the trial of General Sukhomlinoff in Petrograd for treason, her reply to the Pope's recent peace plea "would have been quite different," according to Chancellor Michaelis, or Germany.

PARADE FURNISHED PROOF SOLDIERS WANT TOBACCO

Of course, you saw the selective service parade and, like everyone else, you were impressed.

If you are a closely observant person and kept your eyes on the men in khaki you saw some of them "snorking a smoke" while on parade. Had you been at the end of the line of march where the various units disbanded, you would have seen an "el-mighty bring up" of pipes, cigarettes, and cigars.

Proves They Want Smokes.

The foregoing is by way of informing you that right out there on Pennsylvania avenue yesterday abundant evidence was given that soldiers and those soon to be soldiers value their smokes and are determined to have them.

The amies which wreathed the countenances of the marchers as they lit up their smokes at the end of the line were worth money to see.

Imagine what a smoke would mean to an American soldier in the trenches awaiting orders to "go over the top," or enjoying a few hours of leisure after participating in a hot and sanguinary bayonet charge.

The organizers of The Washington Times Tobacco Fund have imagined what smokes would mean to the khaki-clad lads "over there," and have determined to back the imagination with a movement to provide tobacco for the American soldiers throughout the duration of the war.

Give Your "Two Bits."

Your enlistment in this movement is solicited. You are asked to contribute 25 cents, which will put 45 cents' worth of good American-grown tobacco in the hands of the boys.

San Gabriele Captured Italians Batter Daniele

Three Killed in Submarine Bombardment of Scarborough

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A German submarine bombarded the British town of Scarborough last night, Lord French, commander of home defense forces, announced today. Three persons were killed and five injured. The material damage to the town was slight. The submarine fired thirty rounds in all, half of the shells falling on land.

Scarborough is the "queen of the British watering places," a summer resort village on a headland extending into the North Sea, thirty-seven miles northeast of York. So far as known it is an utterly unfortified town.

U. S. TO ASK JAPANESE TO SHIFT SHIPS TO ATLANTIC

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

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Japan's mission, vested with plenary powers, has been in Washington exactly two weeks. Yet, according to Secretary Lansing's admission today, there have been no "conversations" thus far of a business character. Two weeks have been occupied in entertainment—a much longer time than was set aside for that purpose with any of the several European missions which preceded the Japanese. Viscount Ishii and his colleagues have made a good impression. They have said things pleasing to the American Government and people. And reciprocally the expressions from the United States have been cordial. The Japanese, for instance, were given an enthusiastic greeting in the House today.

No Discussion Yet.

But the question that is beginning to attract attention here is why the prolonged entertainment and the indifference or seeming lack of interest in the subjects which the mission came to discuss? The Japanese claim to be ready to talk business. The State Department says it will begin talking "soon." From neither side is there the slightest intimation as to what will be discussed.

There are certain outstanding facts about the mission's visit to the United States, however, facts that have a distinct bearing on what will be said in the conferences if they are to amount to any more than a felicitous round of receptions and dinners. One fact is that the United States understands the object of the mission to be the making of arrangements for co-operation in prosecution of the war.

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WILTED AFTER 20-YEARSUIT, WOMAN DEAD BY OWN ACT

Relatives of Miss Mamie Jackson, thirty-six years old, of 450 I street

southwest, who swallowed poison yesterday and died, today expressed the belief that worry over having been jilted by a man with whom she had been in love for twenty years prompted her to take her life.

Coroner Neill today gave a certificate of suicide. The funeral will take place on Friday morning with burial at Congressional Cemetery.

Apparently Happy in Morning.

"Mamie had been going with this man practically all the time since she was sixteen years old," said her sister, Miss Margaret Jackson. "He had promised to marry her when his mother died, but he did not."

"Several months ago, when he began, apparently, to shun her, my mother could see that it was worrying Mamie and she tried every way possible to cheer her up and keep her from growing despondent."

Yesterday morning the young woman left for work in the office of Dr. Walter L. Hagan, a dentist in the Real Estate Trust building, apparently in a happy mood.

About 9 o'clock she telephoned to a young woman friend and asked her if she would meet her in the afternoon and go with her to see the parade.

Aged Mother Frustrated.

Two hours later she staggered out into the hall of the building, exclaimed to Dr. Charles M. Cuthbertson, a dentist in an adjoining office, that she had taken poison, and fell unconscious to the floor. She died at the George Washington University Hospital an hour later.

Miss Jackson's aged mother, Mrs. R. Davis, is ill from shock today, and her physician expressed fear that the daughter's death would have a serious effect on her.

ARREST BY GUARDSMEN BEYOND HABEAS CORPUS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 5.—Ruling that no court had power to release on habeas corpus writs or grant bail to persons arrested by national guardsmen for rioting, Judge E. B. Smith, in the Sangamon circuit court today invested Gov. Frank O. Lowden with supreme authority.

The judge holds that the men arrested in Springfield's street car riots by national guardsmen and held without specific charges, can only be released through the State military authorities. An appeal from the ruling will be made to the Supreme Court.

CADORNA STORMING STRATEGIC POSITION

Fall of Last Peak Will Open Way for Renewal of Direct Drive on Trieste From Two Directions.

ROME, Sept. 5.—With the Italian tri-color floating over the peak of Monte San Gabriele, southeast of Monte Santo, the second Italian army on the Julian front is today pounding the remaining defenses on Monte Daniele.

Monte San Gabriele and Monte Daniele are twin heights on the southern border of the Bainsizza plateau and the Austro-Hungarian works defending them have been under continuous assault for upward of a week. They form an important link in the defenses along the Austro-Hungarian center, east of Gorizia.

Opens Two Trieste Roads.

If the Italians succeed in breaking through completely in the sector east of Gorizia they will be in a position to renew their direct drive against Trieste from two directions. And after Trieste is taken the way will be open for an offensive against the great Austro-Hungarian naval base at Pola from both land and sea.

With Trieste and Pola in their hands the Italian conquest of the Italian Peninsula will have been completed.

Monte San Gabriele's capture was regarded as particularly gratifying news here. The peak is the last of the great natural promontories which, with Cucco, Vodice, and Monte Santo, guarded the western rim of the Bainsizza plateau.

Swiss dispatches declared today that in answer to frantic appeals of the Austrian staff Germany had dispatched two Bavarian divisions to reinforce the Austrians.

SAN GABRIELE IS GIFT TO CADORNA ON SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

San Gabriel fell into Italian hands on the seventieth birthday of General Cadorna, according to cables received today by high Italian officials here.

Occupation of this important fortress makes whole sections of the Austrian line untenable. The Austrian papers admit the seriousness of the situation. One says the Austrians are retiring toward the northeast.

Military critics in Italy and Austria fully expect the evacuation of other important sectors by the Austrian army.

Italian critics say that the general offensive is far from being over—and may be expected to achieve far-reaching results soon.

U-BOATS INCREASE BRITISH PATROL LOSSES

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Sinking of British patrols by submarines for the last week have been slightly increased over the previous seven days, according to an authoritative forecast of the official statement obtained today.

Last week's official statement said twenty-three British ships had been sunk, eighteen of more than 1,000 tons.

Other news of the war and pictures will be found on Page Two.

GERMANS PREPARE TO QUIT WEST FLANDERS

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5.—The Germans are preparing to abandon a large expanse of land in Flanders, under the attack of General Haig and the French. A steady rain of shells is the reason for the contemplated German retreat.

The civilian population is being removed by the Germans to a point twelve miles back of the present line, evacuating 200 square miles of territory. There is a report that the Germans intend to flood this area, thus blocking allied progress. Another conjecture is that they are preparing for another "strategic retreat."

The Belgian government learns that machinery in Belgian factories is either being taken away or destroyed by the Germans. Protesters were unavailing, the Germans merely answering that they were following orders from Berlin.

SHIP FOR BOSTON SUNK BY U-BOAT OFF IRELAND

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 5.—The Johnston liner Kenmore, bound from Liverpool to Boston, with a mixed cargo, has been sunk off the Irish coast by a German submarine, according to cables dispatches received by Boston importers today.